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Helpline receives around 200 distress calls per month, but in absence of drivers and trained staff, 275 animal ambulances are lying unused

AMBULANCES RUST IN PEACE

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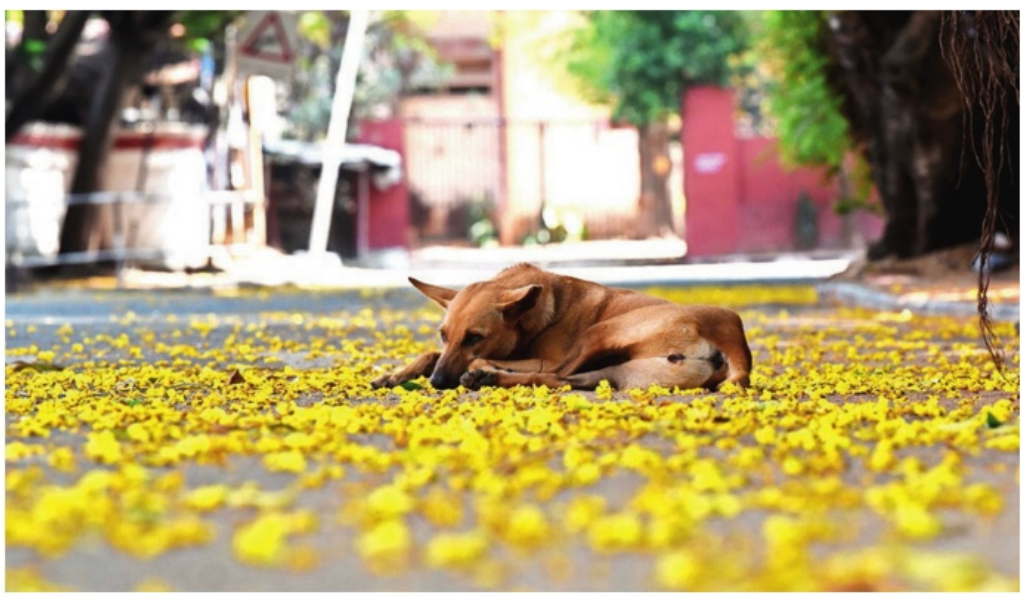

There are 275 ambulances on the ready to pick up injured dogs and other animals for treatment. And on an average, the helpline 1962 receives around 200 distress calls (SOS) per month. But no use -- help is certainly not on its way.

Animal activists have raised alarm that the department of animal husbandry and veterinary services has kept the 275 ambulances idle since July last year.

If the response from the people managing the helpline is anything to go by, it seems the employees of animal husbandry and veterinary services whose job it is to care for welfare of animals, are least bothered about mitigating the pain of animals injured in road accidents.

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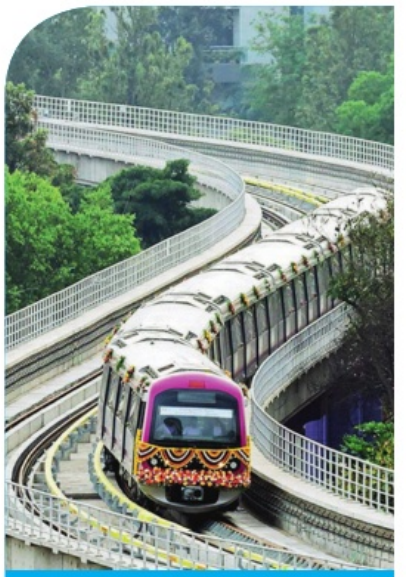

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Time of tummy trouble

City doctors report alarming rise in waterborne diseases among children and young people; suggest avoiding eating at roadside eateries and maintaining cleanliness

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While the recent monsoon spells have brought much-needed respite from the sultry heat, they have also caused a spurt in monsoon maladies. After the last few days of rain, many city hospitals have reported an alarming rise in waterborne diseases such as stomach infections, typhoid, jaundice, and even cases of dengue fever.

Major city hospitals say they are witnessing multiple cases of acute diarrhoea and dengue fever daily.

"Every day, we are seeing approximately 8 to 10 cases of acute gastroenteritis and 2 to 3 cases of dengue fever. Children and young people between 18 and 40 years of age are predominantly affected by dengue fever and acute gastroenteritis. We are also witnessing cases of diarrhoea, vomiting, and dysentery, especially in recent travellers. Some patients with dengue and gastroenteritis are also walking in with severe dehydration too," said Dr Balakrishna GK from BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital.

Doctors at Manipal Hospital say there has been a surge of 30 per cent in cases of acute diarrhoea, jaundice, typhoid, and dengue over the last few days.

"Post-rain water logging becomes a source for the breeding of mosquitoes, leading to increased cases of dengue fever. While all age groups are impacted, these issues are seen more in the working population as they tend to be outdoors with high chances of eating out," said Dr Sunil Havannavar from Manipal Hospital.

Healthcare experts added that children are particularly susceptible to severe complications from these diseases due to the influence of the monsoon season and poor sanitation practices.

"In the past week, we have witnessed an alarming rise in waterborne diseases like stomach infections, typhoid, and jaundice, as well as a significant increase in cases of dengue fever among young children.

According to experts, there has been a surge of 30 per cent in cases of acute diarrhoea, dengue, jaundice

> **"In the past week, we have witnessed a rise in waterborne diseases like typhoid, jaundice, and stomach infections**
>
> – Dr Rakshay Shetty

The monsoon provides a breeding ground for disease-carrying mosquitoes, which increases the transmission of these illnesses. Contaminated water sources and inadequate hygiene practises further compound the problem," said Dr Rakshay Shetty, chief paediatric intensivist at Rainbow Children's Hospital. Suggesting ways to prevent these illnesses, experts advise avoiding eating at roadside eateries and maintaining cleanliness. "People must avoid eating out and drinking boiled or purified water. Hygiene should be maintained while preparing food, and all raw vegetables and fruits should be peeled and washed before eating.

Meat and poultry products must be cooked thoroughly too. Moreover, frequent and thorough hand washing is important among all age groups, especially children," said Dr Chinnadurai R from Aster RV Hospital.

According to doctors, mosquito breeding sites should be eliminated, and young children should be vaccinated timely. "By removing stagnant water sources and utilising mosquito repellents, we can mitigate the risk of mosquito-borne diseases like dengue fever. Keeping children up to date with recommended immunisations, including those for typhoid and flu, is vital for their protection," added Dr Shetty.

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03 Dance rhythms

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Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall,Vyalikaval
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Deepest cut: Student plants, nurtures tree; axe doesn't care

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The act of a residents' welfare association has left a Class 10 student heart-broken. Debasmita had planted a sapling in the premises of the apartment complex she lives, nurtured it for years only to find out when she got back from school one fine day that it had been chopped. It is alleged that the BDA Chandragiri Welfare Association had decided to chop the well-grown jamun tree to install an open-air gym equipment on the premises.

She has now written a letter to the president of the BDA Chandragiri Welfare Association to express her anguish.

"I'm a child who lives in this apartment, and I'm forced to get into the topic. Please forgive me if any mistakes are made by me. And regarding the topic running right now, I just returned from school and I'm disappointed. Did anyone ever think about the things that would be attached to the tree? Well, that's far...At least has anyone thought of taking permission from the owner of that tree? Of course not! How many people had permitted you to cut that tree? Well, till yesterday I had heard from my dad that only some branches of the tree would be cut off that tree I had contributed for a green Chandragiri, but today?

The stump of the jamun tree in Chandragiri is a sad reminder

It's a mess!!! It's gone now...I planted this tree in 2018 on Father's Day with my dad and little sister,'' Debasmita wrote in the letter. She said she had the fruits of the tree just a day before it was cut. "I had shared my feelings towards the tree. And guess what! Now it's gone...This not only caused harm to society but also to my little tender heart. Believe it or not, every possible year (exceptpandemic years) including this year I have planted a sapling on the account of Father's Day." Debasmita said she was taught in school that a leader's (president's) work is to look after the welfare of the people/society.

BDA assistant executive engineer Uday Shankar said the welfare association president misguided him. "I have directed the residents' welfare association to plant 25 fruit-bearing saplings to compensate for the loss of trees on the premises of BDA Chandragiri apartments. I am also feeling sad for the loss of a tree nurtured by Debasmita,'' said the BDA assistant executive engineer.

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In search of connection

Lack of proper link between Whitefield metro, railway station troubles commuters

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Commuters travelling from Whitefield metro station to KR Puram metro station; They have urged authorities concerned to provide a connection similar to that of Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) stations

Commuters who use the Whitefield railway station, as well as the metro station, have pointed to the lack of a seamless connection between the two. They have urged authorities concerned to provide a connection similar to that of Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) stations to make the shift more convenient.

"At present, there is no direct connectivity between Whitefield railway station and the Whitefield Kadugodi metro. One has to enter the railway station and then walk across a long bridge, only to get down opposite to the metro station. Then they have to cross over. It's a complicated way to reach. The authorities must plan for better connectivity like the one at KSR railway station," said a commuter.

"In the KSR metro station, one side of the exit directly connects to the railway station, making it so much easier for commuters. Passengers would even choose to reach the railway station by the metro if such passages are made available because of the convenience.

It reduces the time taken to enter the railway station," said Faraz Abdul, another commuter. He said there have been many times when he has relied on the metro to reach KSR and made it on time without having to worry about leaving an hour early.

The South Western Railways (SWR), after the introduction of metro services to Whitefield, announced that it would be giving a facelift to the rail infrastructure on the eastern part of the city.

SWR officials in April had said that under the Amrit Bharat Station scheme, a total of 15 stations coming under the Bengaluru division would be developed, including the Whitefield railway station, which falls under the Bengaluru–Jolarpettai Junction line.

The Whitefield railway station is used by approximately 8,000 passengers on a daily basis, and the number of commuters traveling from Bengaluru City to Whitefield stands close to 20,000. Over 23 trains are operated on the line, including 16 MEMU services, six express trains, and one DEMU train. However, services of MEMU trains provided to make travel to the airport convenient have recently been stopped, citing a lack of adequate patronage.

> **"One has to enter the railway station and then walk across a long bridge, only to get down opposite to the metro station**
> – Commuter

Sanjeev Dyamannavar, a transport expert, said that SWR must include plans to integrate the metro and railway station in their development scheme. "Currently, commuters are forced to navigate through bus roads to reach the metro station in Whitefield. Even at the Whitefield Metro station, there is no direct accessibility.

Once the quadrupling takes place at Cantonment and Whitefield, the footfall at these stations will naturally increase," he said. Such integrations among modes of transport will help commuters make a seamless switch and increase their reliance on public transport, he added.

What's killing all our fish?

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Dead fish spotted at Kundalahalli Lake; Locals say that the water body has been experiencing such incidents at regular intervals

Residents around Kundalahalli Lake, near the Brookfield area, woke up to yet another fish kill incident in the waterbody on Wednesday morning. In the second instance in less than two weeks, walkers at the lake reported hundreds of dead fish floating on the surface. "I was on my morning walk on Wednesday when I saw the dead fish. There were hundreds of them. I was taken aback as a similar incident had happened here less than two weeks ago," said Sudarshan Sonti, a morning walker in the area.

Locals say that the water body has been experiencing such incidents at regular intervals, and this is the fourth fish kill episode in the last three months.

"Fish kills are happening at regular intervals. We have escalated the issue to the concerned Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials on multiple occasions, but no action has been taken so far," said another resident.

While Kundalahalli reported the mass fish kill on Wednesday, Bhattarahalli Lake near KR Puram, recently revived by BBMP, also registered an episode of fish kill on Tuesday.

Lake activists say the incident was unfortunate as the lake has a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) installed to treat sewage. The BBMP had also established an STP at Kundalahalli Lake after it was rejuvenated in 2016. They say that the STPs installed by the civic agency are not transparent with their water quality data.

"As per the water quality report of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), the water quality of Bhattarahalli Lake has been under class E for some time now. However, there is no clarity on the water quality analysis being conducted by the STP installed at the lake by BBMP. These reports should be available in the public domain," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a city-based lake activist.

Experts also highlight the need for regulatory bodies to intervene whenever the water quality does not meet standards.

"Every time the water quality of a lake does not meet the given standards, KSPCB should issue notices to the concerned department, including BBMP. The board should also consider penalising the civic agency when the water quality of water bodies reaches Class E," added Pachhapur.

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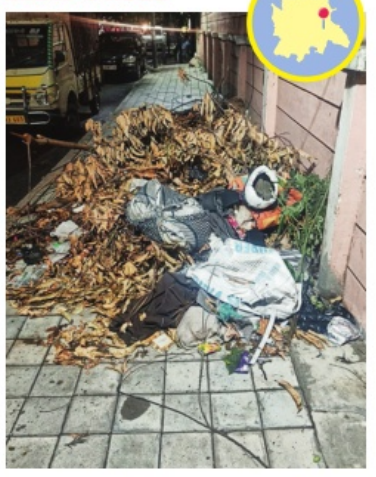

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Will electricity tariff hike impact water bill?

BWSSB reveals increase in their monthly power bill by Rs 10 crore; plans to present revised proposal, seeking tariff revision

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If you are experiencing the impact of a power price hike, you are not alone, as even government agencies are now facing the consequences.

For instance, officials from the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) reveal that their monthly power bill has skyrocketed by a staggering Rs 10 crore. Presently, water is being pumped to the city from TK Halli, Harohalli, and Tataguni pumping stations. Previously, the power bill amounted to around Rs 78 crore, but now an additional Rs 10 crore is required.

BWSSB official stated, "We supply Cauvery water to 10.5 lakh houses in Bengaluru City, generating a revenue of Rs 110 crore through water bills. However, the power bills have surged from approximately Rs 88 crore to Rs 90 crore, leaving us with the majority of expenses dedicated solely to power bills. We are now concerned about how we will manage to pay salaries and perform regular maintenance with such limited funds."

> **We are now concerned about how we will manage to pay salaries and perform regular maintenance with such limited funds**
> –BWSSB official

Consequently, the only recourse for the BWSSB is to increase the water tariff, although this has faced opposition from various quarters.

Chief Engineer (North), Suresh B, commented, "We are yet to present a revised proposal to the government, seeking a tariff revision. We are currently deliberating on the fact that raising the water tariff is the only viable alternative due to increased input costs. A decision will be made soon."

According to regulations, officials have the provision to revise the tariff once every three years. However, there has not been a tariff hike since 2014. Initially, the proposals were rejected by the government, and then the onset of the pandemic further delayed any potential increases.

Another official revealed, "During a recent visit, we briefed Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar about the financial situation of BWSSB. The minister has assured us that he will respond. Therefore, we must wait and see."

Server glitches persist for the Gruha Jyothi scheme

The Gruha Jyothi scheme is an important government initiative to lower electricity costs so that families can use their money for more important things. Unfortunately, there seems to be no relief in sight for those who wish to apply for the Gruha Jyothi scheme, as the server glitches continue to plague the login process. Bangalore One and cyber centres witnessed a heavy rush of beneficiaries desperately attempting to register, but luck was not on their side.

Devendrappa, one of the beneficiaries, expressed his frustration, saying, "I have been visiting Bangalore One for the past three days. After waiting for hours, I was informed that I had to come back the next day due to ongoing server glitches. I am worried about how long I will have to wait for the same."

Ganesh R, a self-employed individual, said that he predicted this issue from the start. He stated, "It was expected that the server might struggle to handle the load, considering the fact that there are over 1 crore eligible beneficiaries. Now, with just Gruha Jyothi, we are unable to log in."

He added that the government will soon initiate registrations for the Gruha Lakshmi, Yuva Nidhi, and Shakti schemes, where beneficiaries will have to log in to the Seva Sindhu portal. Now, imagine if registrations open for all the schemes; will the Seva Sindhu portal be equipped to handle the load when it is already struggling to manage the current traffic for Gruha Jyothi alone?

School kids to get eggs, and bananas

The Congress government in Karnataka issued an order on Wednesday to provide schoolchildren studying from Class 1 to 8 with either eggs or bananas.

The circular in this regard has been signed and released by Shubh Kalyan, Director of PM Poshan, School Education Department. He directed the staff of the aided and unaided schools across the state to provide boiled eggs to students as a nutrition supplement. For those who are not eating eggs, bananas or chikki (a sweet dish made of groundnut and jaggery) would be provided.

The supplements would be given along with midday meals to eradicate malnutrition and anaemia. The egg or banana would be given once a week from August 20 until further government orders in the first phase.

The schools are directed to procure eggs/bananas/chikki at Rs 8 per piece. Earlier, the Karnataka government's decision had triggered controversy in the state. The decision had angered a section of society, which demanded that eggs shouldn't be distributed on school premises as it encourages discrimination among school-going children.

Another section supporting egg supplements for schoolchildren claimed that this project shouldn't stop as protein supplements are badly needed by students. They maintained that children who have better access to nutrition have better educational outcomes.

The BJP-JD (S) coalition government headed by HD Kumaraswamy had rolled back its project of distributing eggs to schoolchildren in 2007, succumbing to pressure from religious groups. However, the previous BJP government implemented the scheme. Then Education Minister BC Nagesh had stated that the project had been implemented amid people opposing and vouching for it. **–IANS**

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Citizens are now encouraged to provide their feedback, opinions, and suggestions on the seven core categories for the comprehensive development of Bengaluru.

Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar said on Wednesday that citizens can provide suggestions in the following categories: urban mobility, environment and ecology, solid waste management, public place utilisation, public and animal health, people-friendly e-governance, and water security. The suggestions can be given at the portal, www.brandbengaluru.karnataka.gov.in, by June 30.

The urban design aims to enhance the overall well-being of citizens

Speaking to the media, Shivakumar said, "Whoever visits Bengaluru has a desire to stay within the city itself. As a proud Bengalurean, I strive to listen to the voices of every individual in Bengaluru. However, it's important to note that not every suggestion can be implemented easily, as Bengaluru lacks the planned structure of cities like Delhi. Nevertheless, we will make every effort to do our best. We have engaged in fruitful discussions with legislators, parliamentarians, and other stakeholders. Many of them have expressed concerns regarding traffic issues, tunnels, flyovers, solid waste management, parks, and other matters."

He added that it has come to his attention that footpaths are being encroached upon in certain areas, which forces pedestrians to walk on the roads. This is an issue that requires immediate attention and resolution.

There have been proposals to establish a tunnel network in Bengaluru, drawing inspiration from existing tunnels like the Mumbai tunnel and the Kashmir tunnel. However, some individuals argue that tunnels may not be feasible in Bengaluru. As a response, the government is conducting a pilot project that involves the construction of multi-purpose projects, such as road and metro rail bridges at Jayadeva.

Shivakumar claimed, "Brand Bengaluru envisions a city where pedestrian-friendly roads take centre stage, prioritising the safety and convenience of its residents. The city boasts well-planned sidewalks, dedicated cycling lanes, and green spaces that encourage active transportation and promote healthier lifestyles. This urban design aims to enhance the overall well-being of the population. Bengaluru has integrated public transportation networks, including buses and metro lines, that provide convenient and accessible options for all residents, further enhancing their mobility."

Is the population of the city 1.6 crore?

According to the 2011 census, Bengaluru's population was recorded as 8,443,675. Since then, there has been no decennial census conducted to provide an updated population figure. However, there has been speculation that the city's population has surpassed one crore. Surprisingly, DK Shivakumar stated that the population of the city stands at a staggering 1.6 crore, despite the official voter count being 1.3 crore. It is worth noting that an astonishing 50 lakh individuals migrate to Bengaluru on a daily basis. This continuous influx of people further solidifies Bengaluru's position as the highest revenue earner for the state of Karnataka.

Ignorance is not bliss

Running from pillar to post at Bangalore North Taluk Office

> **We have been visiting this office for days, but no one is helping us. Our application was moved from one section to another** – A Shailaja, affected citizen

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There appears to be a lack of awareness and coordination among employees working at the Bengaluru North Taluk Office. If the problems of people who submitted applications seeking linguistic certificates for the educational purpose of their children are anything to go by, the employees seem to be insensitive and irresponsible towards the plight of people running pillar to post to get their work done.

The staff at the office blindly and perfunctorily receives applications and issues acknowledgements without verifying the purpose of those applications. As a result, applicants have to visit the Taluk Office daily, while the employees continue to show apathy, causing a waste of the applicants' precious time and hard-earned money.

Angeri Dorababu, a resident of Kallahalli, submitted an application on April 6, seeking a linguistic certificate for his daughter for educational purposes. She passed the Common Entrance Test and is awaiting seat allotment at an educational institution. A linguistic certificate is essential for securing a seat at an educational institution based on linguistic minorities such as Telugu and Tamil.

"We have been visiting this office for days, but no one is helping us. Our application was moved from one section to another, but to no avail. The application is pending with the Taluk Office manager," lamented her mother, A Shailaja.

A revenue inspector from Indiranagar Circle submitted a report to the Tahsildar on May 19, but the Taluk Office manager kept the application pending without informing the applicant.

During a visit by Bangalore Mirror to the office in Kandaya Bhavan on KG Road on Wednesday, Tahsildar Grade 2 BR Anantha Kumari stated that she had no issues issuing the linguistic certificate if the manager forwards Dorababu's application to her. "I contacted the manager regarding this issue. The manager informed me that no certificates will be issued manually from this office due to a government order," said the tahsildar.

When contacted, Bengaluru North Taluk Office manager Nandeesh said that he could not issue the linguistic certificate manually. Upon being informed about the report submitted by the revenue inspector, the manager claimed ignorance.

A copy of the government order was posted near the manager's office and the Tahsildar Grade 2 office. The order, dated July 19, 2008 stated that the issuance of certificates manually should be stopped.

"No one has informed us about it. The employees at the Taluk Office received our application. The Revenue Inspector prepared a report on it. They took a considerable amount of time, and now they are telling me that they will not issue the certificate. They did not inform me when I submitted the application. They also did not guide me on where to go and how to obtain it," said Shailaja.

If that is the case, what is the fate of students who submit applications for linguistic certificates? Who is responsible for making the applicants wait for three months only to inform them that certificates cannot be issued manually? Something has to change.

Gig worker's suicide triggers protest against exploitation

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Workers of a leading company that provides salon/home services have been protesting for days because the company blocks their profiles if they get less than 4.7 stars from customers.

The protesters also said that a worker, who was a resident of BTM Layout, ended her life a few days ago as she could not repay her loan after the company blocked her profile. "We receive ratings from customers after the service is done, and if it falls below 4.7, they close our ID. That means we don't get any new work. Additionally, during the onboarding process, they take Rs 50,000 from employees. So, once the rating of an old employee drops, the company closes their account and hires new people. They are making money off of us," said an employee.

She also claimed that the workers are forced to buy products from the company at inflated prices. According to sources, the worker from BTM layout, who was a mother of a toddler, mentioned the company's name in her suicide note.

"The woman received a bad review from a customer, and her ID was immediately blocked. She was the sole earner in her family, and because her ID was blocked, she couldn't make any money. She had taken loans to buy some assets, and due to her circumstances, she felt compelled to take her own life," said another employee.

The protesters also claimed that when they were protesting at the company's office near Silk Board, authorities called the police.

Suman Das, convenor of All India Gig Workers Union, Karnataka unit, said they are planning to submit a memorandum to the labour department for a policy-level change.

"Under the new labour code, the definition of gig workers has not been clearly mentioned. Although the centre promises to provide social security, there is still uncertainty. We are concerned that most gig workers will be exempted from these benefits," he said.

Man held for breaking into church

Banaswadi police have arrested a 29-year-old man for breaking into St Pius X Church on Kammanahalli Main Road on Wednesday. The accused has been identified as Tom Mathew, a resident of Banaswadi.

According to the police, Mathew used a hammer to break open the church's main door and force his way inside. Once inside, he caused damage to various items including furniture, idols on the dias, and flower pots.

After receiving information about the incident from the police control centre, the closest patrol vehicle arrived at the church property at around 4.30 am.

Upon reaching the scene, the police discovered a confrontation between the individual and three security personnel. The accused was subsequently apprehended by the police. According to Bheemashankar S Guled, Deputy Commissioner of Police, East, the accused appeared to be mentally ill and intoxicated. A case has been registered against Mathew under IPC sections 447 (criminal trespass), 427 (mischief causing damage of at least Rs 50), and 295 (damaging or defiling a place of worship with the intent to insult the religion of any class). —BMB

HC issues notice to govt, BBMP

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday issued notice to the state government and the BBMP on a public interest litigation seeking the constitution of a Planning Authority, Heritage Conservation Committee and Grievance Redressal Authority under the BBMP Act 2020.

The Division Bench ordered the notices on a PIL filed by advocate Umapathi S and directed that the matter be listed after two weeks.

The petition said that the Heritage Conservation Committee, Metropolitan Planning Committee and Grievance Redressal Authority should be constituted as per Sections 301, 367 and 368 of BBMP Act, 2020.

"These Committees are key to the proper planning/management of the entire Bengaluru metropolitan area. Citizens of Bengaluru are facing the issue of haphazard growth, traffic issues, water shortage, pollution, and so on," the petition said. —PTI

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Kanteerava stadium was filled with diehard fans, cheering hours before the exciting clash on Wednesday. Fans welcomed the Indian team bus with chants, flags and flares by the West block blues. The stadium was filled with people wearing their team's colours and Indian flags were filled flying high and flares of various colours spread through the air.

Some fans spoke about their excitement before the big encounter.

Anoop Menon, a fan, said, "We are having an Indian football game after many years. Having an entire tournament in Bengaluru is exciting as we can watch many games instead of one or two games. Football associations of the two nations allow a show of inclusivity and open-mindedness apart from maturity, unlike the jingoism that goes on in other sports that do not allow Pakistan to play here. I'm happy that the sport I follow has an open-mindedness."

Talking about West block blues, he said, "It always brings an exciting pattern to the chants. It will be tailored to the Indian team from Bengaluru FC. The banner game is strong and the enthusiasm is great."

Gaurav Phuyal, a fan all the way from Nepal, said that despite the traffic, Bengaluru is beautiful with all the greenery. He added that in Nepal, when people talk about India Pakistan it's cricket. "But now after coming here, I see that the football scene is great."

Much drama, but Chettri's hatrick does the trick

The India-Pakistan football match ran into an unwanted banter as a fight ensued between Indian coach Igor Stimac and Pakistan player Abdullah Iqbal, resulting in a red card to Stimac. Stimac will not be allowed to take the pitch for the next game on Saturday against Nepal. Indian defender Sandesh Jhingan and Pakistan player Nabi and manager also received yellow cards. Assistant coach Mahesh Gawli came in for Igor Stimac.

The game also witnessed unwarranted trouble after three people invaded the pitch.

Skipper Chhetri got a chance in the 8th minute of the game, but it deflected and landed safely into the hands of Pakistan keeper Abdul Rahman. It didn't take long for India to lead as Abdul's mistake brought the Indian skipper his first goal of the game. Adding to Pakistan's woes, India was gifted a penalty with a hand ball in the 15th minute. Chhetri didn't miss the opportunity to put India two goals ahead.

Pakistan, who landed in the city in the morning due to visa issues also had a few chances in the game.

The second half witnessed constant rain and started with Sahal missing an open goal in the 47th minute. Substitute Udanta Singh joined the party to put the game beyond Pakistan's reach, with a goal in the 81st minute.

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Animal ambulances have been lying idle since July

According to the documents available with BM, the helpline (1962) received 212 distress calls in May 2023 -- it seems the helpline receives more than six distress calls per day. However, staff managing the helpline do nothing much, except advising the team to look into the complaint and do the needful.

The state government organised a function on the grand stairs of Vidhana Soudha in July last year for the launch of 275 mobile ambulances in the presence of Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying Parshottam Rupala. Many prominent personalities, including then Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Minister for Animal Husbandry Prabhu B Chauhan, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department Secretary Salma K Fahim, and Dr S Manjunath Palegar, Director of Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services graced the function.

However, neither the then Minister for Animal Husbandry nor the officials of the animal husbandry department bothered to make arrangements to operate the ambulances leaving the vehicles to just get rusted.

"The incidents of stray dogs and animals getting injured in road accidents are occurring in the city on a daily basis. The ambulance is not reaching the spot as there are no drivers or veterinary staffers. The authorities concerned must make arrangements to start using the ambulances that are lying idle," said Arun Prasad, an animal activist.

Sujaya Jagadish, SPCA member, said it was shocking to hear that there are hundreds of animal rescue ambulances sanctioned by the Government but yet none of them are functional.

"We demand to know where these ambulances are now? Why are they not dispatched for emergencies while animals are dying by the 1000s in the middle of the roads day after day and the conditions are worsening?" she said.

When questioned, the official in-charge of the helpline administration said that the animal husbandry and veterinary sciences department doesn't have an animal rescue team. "We don't have shelter or inpatient facilities for small animals. We do have a 24x7 emergency treatment facility at the Super Specialty Hospital, Cantonment Bengaluru. So, the helpline entirely depends on animal welfare officers and volunteers for rescuing and sheltering small animals. The helpline escalates the queries to the officers concerned and agencies to attend or solve the issues as per the escalation matrix," said Sujaya Jagadish.

She said that there has been no effort by the AHVS Department to bring awareness to the general public and drivers regarding safety of animals on the roads.

Dr S Manjunath Palegar, Director of Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, said that arrangements have been made to train the drivers and medical staff recruited for the ambulances. "These ambulances are expected to become operational by the end of this month," said Dr Palegar.

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I, KOWSALYA, W/o V Lakshminarayana, resident at #15/A, 2nd Stage,1st Block, Ashwathnagar, RMV 2nd Stage, Bengaluru – 560094, have changed my name as K V KOWSALYA, vide affidavit dated 19.06.2023, sworn before notary S. Subashini, Bengaluru

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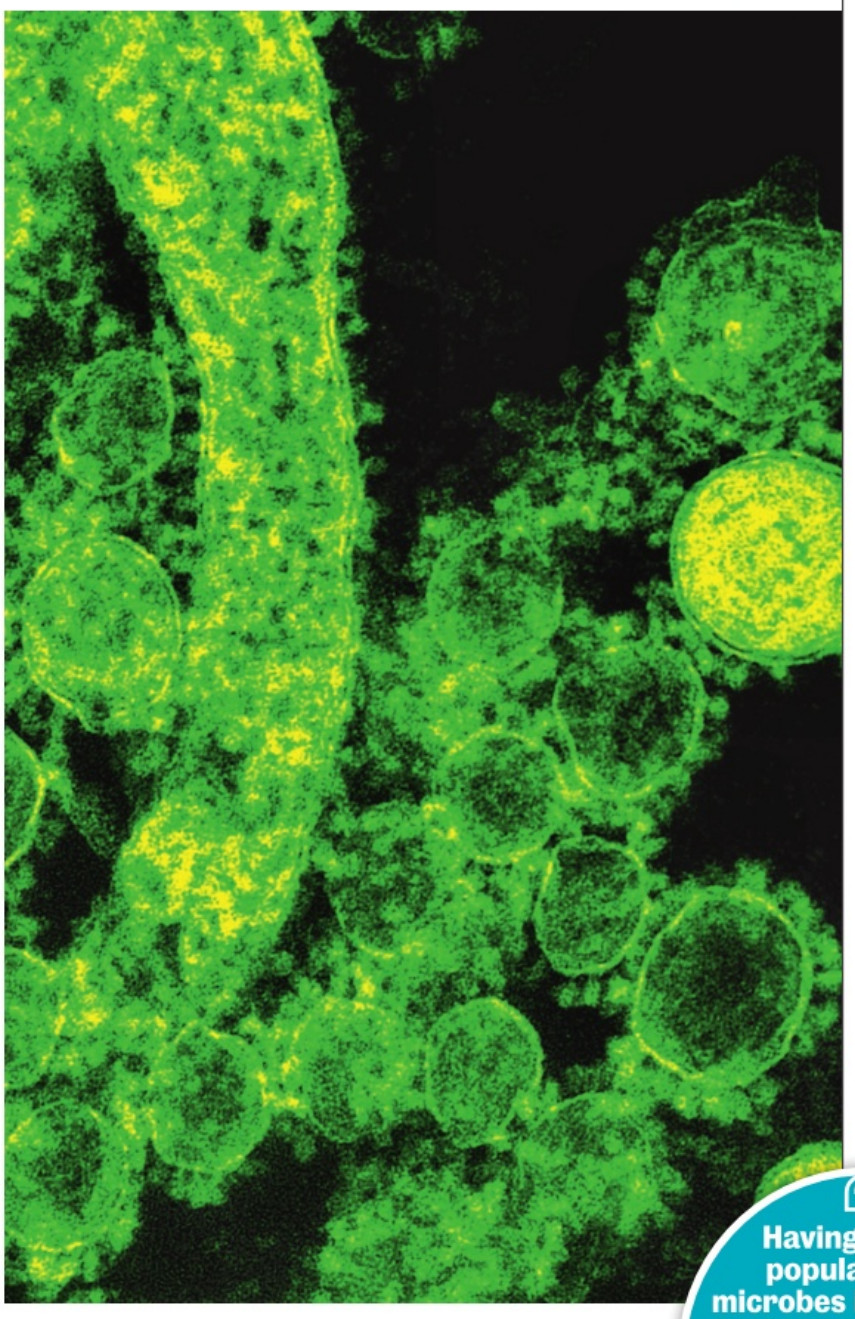
HEALTH TIP: Bananas are rich in protein, essential for building lean muscle mass and providing the body with energy

Aubergines are high in dietary fibre, which helps you to have a bowel movement

Gut instinct

Certain gut microbes may warn of Alzheimer's long before symptoms begin



What if the microbes in your gut could act as an early warning system, alerting you that you could be developing Alzheimer's disease? This might sound improbable, but recent research has found certain microbes are more common in those with very early signs of the disease, pointing to a potential new method of diagnosis for a disease that affects millions worldwide.

The gut microbiome is the collection of microbes, which include bacteria, viruses and fungi, in the gut. Having diverse populations of microbes is thought to be important for our overall health. However, in certain circumstances, the gut microbiome can also contain microbes that are harmful to our health.

In Alzheimer's, two proteins, known as amyloid-beta and tau, accumulate abnormally in the brain. Their presence results in the characteristic memory loss and cognitive decline associated with the disease, with symptoms becoming progressively worse with time.

It's known that amyloid-beta and tau begin to accumulate long before the onset of Alzheimer's symptoms. It's at this stage (known as the "preclinical stage") that the researchers saw changes in the gut microbiome.

The researchers found distinct differences in the gut microbiome profiles of older people with and without signs of preclinical Alzheimer's. In those with signs of preclinical Alzheimer's, the differences in the gut microbiome appeared to be connected to the accumulation of amyloid-beta and tau proteins in the brain.

Doctors currently rely on the results of various diagnostic tests to assess whether someone may have preclinical Alzheimer's. The researchers combined these results with their participant's gut microbiome data and put it into a machine learning algorithm, a computer program that can make predictions based on the data that you give it

They found that including the gut microbiome data improved the algorithm's ability to diagnose preclinical Alzheimer's accurately. This remained the case even when not all the diagnostic test data was included.

Some of the diagnostic tests for preclinical Alzheimer's may be unpleasant, such as a lumbar puncture, or rely on expensive imaging technologies, such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanners, access to which is known to be unequal globally.

The idea of analysing a person's gut microbiome, which only requires a stool (poo) sample, to assess their risk of developing the disease is appealing. It would offer a non-invasive, more accessible way of identifying those at risk of developing Alzheimer's at an earlier stage, allowing them more time to plan and prepare for the future.

It should be noted, however, that the improvement found by the study in predicting preclinical Alzheimer's by including the gut microbiome data was quite modest. So, while analysing gut microbiome data might complement existing methods for diagnosing preclinical Alzheimer's, it can't replace them just yet.

Curious finding

Unexpectedly, some of the species found to be associated with signs of preclinical Alzheimer's have previously been thought to be beneficial for human health. One of those identified is a bacteria known as Faecalibacterium prausnitzii (F. prausnitzii), which, in a previous study, was found to be more common in the gut microbiome of people without Alzheimer's compared to those with the disease.

It's unclear why what are considered to be potentially beneficial microbes were associated with those with symptoms of preclinical Alzheimer's, as opposed to those who were cognitively healthy.

> **Having diverse populations of microbes is said to be important for overall health. But sometimes, gut microbiome can also contain microbes that are harmful to our health**

One explanation might be the stage of the disease. It's important to recognise that not everyone who has signs of preclinical Alzheimer's will go on to develop Alzheimer's itself. There may be changes to the gut microbiome that happen in later stages of the disease, such as the loss of F. prausnitzii.

While it might be tempting to conclude that the gut microbes identified as being associated with signs of preclinical Alzheimer's are also contributing to developing the disease, the study does not provide any evidence of a cause-and-effect relationship.

However, if a connection can be established, it opens up an exciting possibility that future treatments for Alzheimer's might target the microbes in our gut.

(By Catherine Purse, Quadram Institute, The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Study finds connection between adolescent sleep and overall health

Fiona Baker, director of SRI's Human Sleep Research Program, conducts research on the intricate relationships between sleep and general health and well-being.

Much of her work has been focused on sleep patterns in adult women, but recently her attention has turned to adolescents. Adolescence is a crucial time for developing healthy sleep patterns as it is for brain development. In her research, Baker draws clear lines of connection between the two.

"Sleep is so important to us all, but especially for teenagers or adolescents," Baker says. "Between the ages of 10 and 21, or so, and even a little later, the brain develops and matures in fundamental ways. By studying sleep we're trying to understand not just sleep as a behavior but also its importance for the entire brain and for lifetime well-being."

During this period, Baker explains, the brain is becoming more efficient, getting rid of--or "pruning" in neurological terms--brain connections that are more relevant in childhood, while strengthening more important ones that the young person will rely on the rest of their lives.

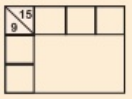
If a teen's sleep patterns are less than ideal, it can affect brain development and overall health. In addition to studying underlying mechanisms linking sleep, the developing brain, and health in teens, Baker's lab is also working to develop behavioural guidelines to help adolescents find healthier balances.

"Sufficient, quality sleep is really important for healthy behavioural, emotional, and cognitive development in adolescents, and lack of sleep is tied to weight gain, poor cognitive development, and socioemotional difficulties," Baker says. "We really need to understand this period better in terms of sleep's connection to these concerns."

—ANI

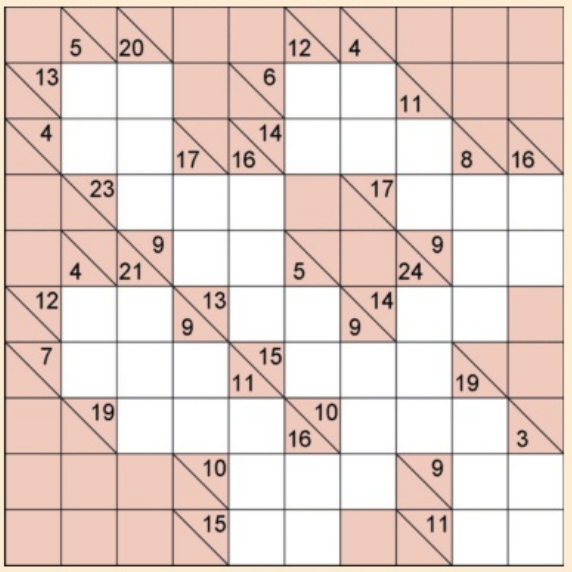
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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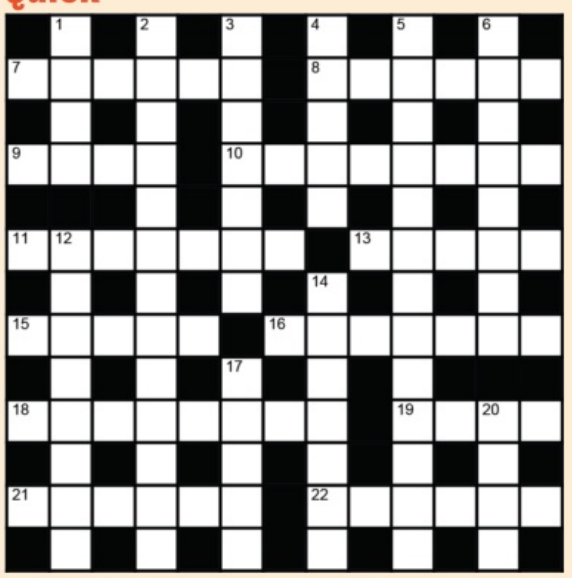


ACROSS

7 U2's "The ___ Tree" (6)
8 F1 team (6)
9 Rahu's counterpart (4)
10 Sheet steel (8)
11 Type of cheese (7)
13 ___ out : be prominent? (5)
15 The way in (5)
16 Government bulletin (7)
18 Air India, Lufthansa, Indigo, etc (8)
19 Heads of corn (4)
21 Pork curry (6)
22 Set on fire? (6)

DOWN

1 Colloquial denial? (4)
2 Scapula (8,5)
3 Fictional alien (7)
4 Quite shrewd (5)
5 Let the cat out of the bag? (5,3,5)
6 Natural impulse (8)
12 Disadvantage (8)
14 Litigation (7)
17 Up to that time (5)
20 Duty-roster (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: J EQUALS H

D UEQG UJM GEZUEX D SXELM NO QMK DI UFE HQCZMR. JM UEQG NM UE BVDU KEDIK UE UJERM HQCZMR.

Linemaro

Every time I see you, I fall in love all over again

Mindchow

Education is the best provision for the journey to old age

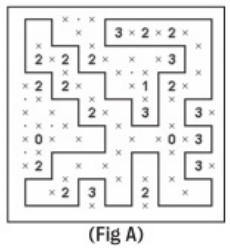
Joke of the day

Q. Why are soldiers so tired on April 1st?
A. Because they just had a 31 day March

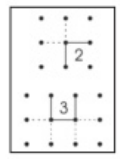
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



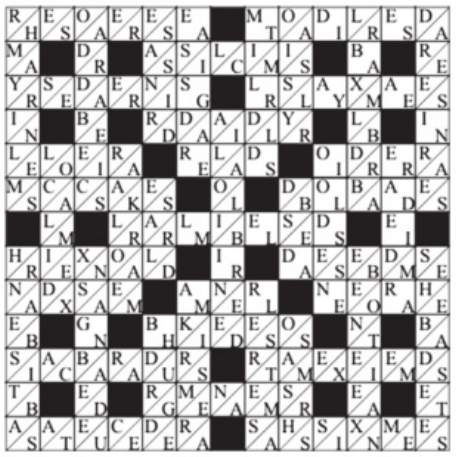
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

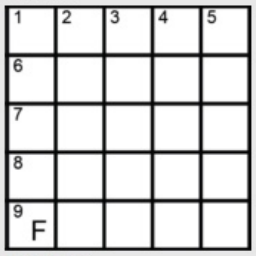
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Scrap; 6 Peril; 7 Bam II; 8 Reefs; 9 Gofer

DOWN

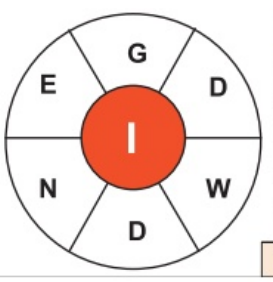
1 If FPS; 2 Coral; 3 Marie; 4 Grebe; 5 Peris

Mensapuzzle

Which two letters come next in the following sequence?

A, D, I, P, Y, CF, DI, FD, ?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

11 Average; **13** Good; **15** Outstanding

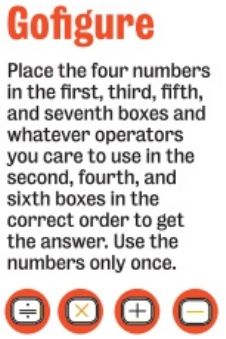
SudokuChallenge

			1		4			
	3			8			1	
		1	6	5	2	8		
3			9		8			7
	8	4				3	9	
7			3		5			6
		3	4	2	1	7		
	9			7			2	
			5		3			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

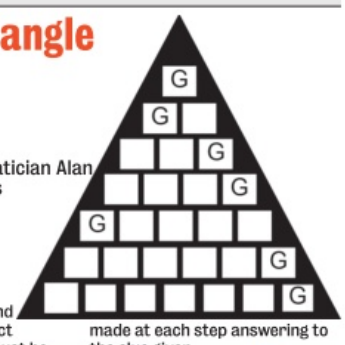
Differences: 1. Man is thinner. 2. Dog is moved. 3. Glass is moved. 4. Chair is missing. 5. Arm is longer. 6. Eye is different.

Riddler

Everybody has one, Some have them on their door. Often times attached To a to, a by, or for. A plate that no man dines on, A tag found on your shirt. Sometimes kids will use them, And feelings will be hurt. What is it?

Alpha triangle

1 1000 colloquially
2 Guam .. abbr
3 Floor cover
4 Ladder part
5 Pig's noise
6 English mathematician Alan
7 Seeing the sights



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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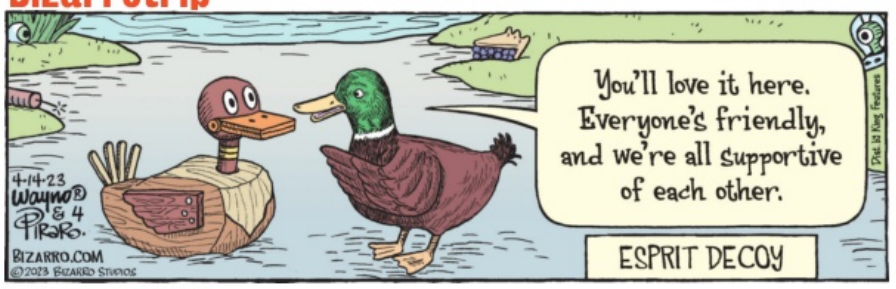
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Diamond Lil

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WHAT DID HE DIE OF?
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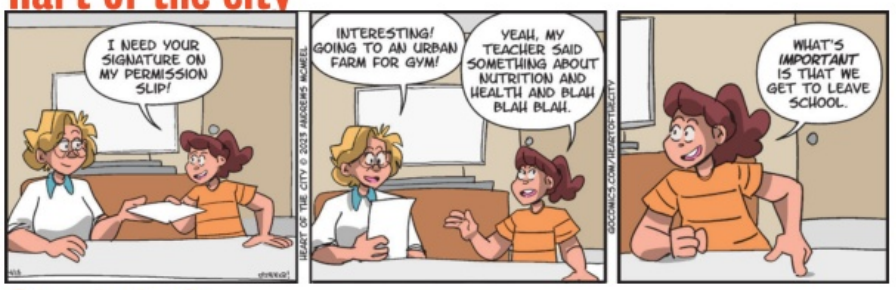
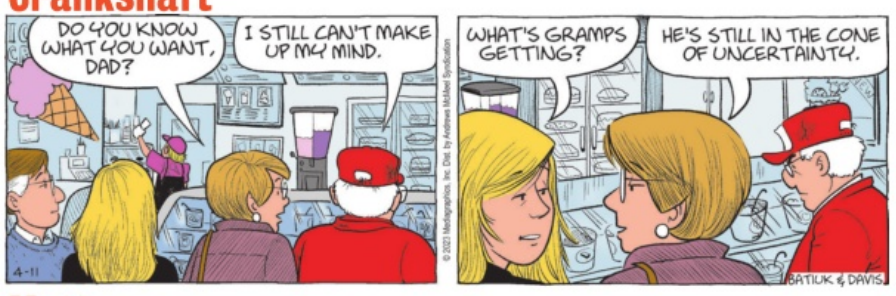

I NEED YOUR SIGNATURE ON MY PERMISSION SLIP!
INTERESTING! GOING TO AN URBAN FARM FOR GYM!
YEAH, MY TEACHER SAID SOMETHING ABOUT NUTRITION AND HEALTH AND BLAH BLAH BLAH.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT WE GET TO LEAVE SCHOOL.

Crankshaft


DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANT, DAD?
I STILL CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND.
WHAT'S GRAMPS GETTING?
HE'S STILL IN THE CONE OF UNCERTAINTY.
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

EARL, WHY SHOULD WE CONTINUE THIS CHARADE OF DOMESHTICATION? AT HEART WE'RE CREATURES OF THE WILD AND THE FREE!
MOOCHIE!
DIN-DIN!
HOLD THAT THOUGHT.
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may help you improve your inner strength. You are likely to get some new opportunities for your business and work, which will pay off in terms of gains in the near future. Couples may hear good news in terms of childbirth. Love birds are advised to be clear in their opinions with each other to make their future bright.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Things are now under control. Your performance may be praised by your seniors, and you may expect promotions. Money that was stuck is likely to be recovered now, which may help increase liquidity in the business. There may be some good news in terms of legal matters as well. Many issues in partnerships are likely to be resolved now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may hear good news in terms of a job. Job seekers may be focused on cracking entrance exams with the help of hard work. Singles may hear good news in terms of marriage. Couples may hear some good news in terms of childbirth.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may plan for a change of place. It is advised to postpone the decision related to migration. It is also advised to avoid investing in business. By late evening, the situation may be under control. With the help of good advice from one of the elders, you may control the messy situation.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may have good patience. Meditation may help you increase concentration, which will speed up your project. Your subordinates may cooperate with you, which may help you complete the project before time. There may be some short travels related to work. You may likely meet an influential person who may help you boost your business.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may spend to buy some creative artifacts to renovate your house, which may increase your social status. You may implement some new plans into your family business, which will pay off in terms of gains in the near future. You may also be busy with family or social get-togethers.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is a good day for you. You may have good vitality and health. You may enjoy your work. Today, your challenge is to avoid straightforwardness. It is advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics, otherwise there may be some disputes in the family. Job seekers may find suitable jobs. Love birds are advised to avoid making arguments on worthless topics.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are not blessed by the moon. You may feel unhappy and impatient. You may find it difficult to perform your tasks and fulfill your desires. You want to be detached from the given responsibilities. You may not be able to complete any task.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Work-related pressure may go off. Your earnings may convert into profits now. You are likely to invest for a long-term period. You may get an overseas work order, which may give you financial benefits in the coming future. You may find your soul mate. Students may hear good news in their academics.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may perform well in your professional front. You may easily implement your business plans with the help of your colleagues. Intellectual investments and financial investments may start giving profits now, which may increase your confidence level. You may use your wisdom to gain benefits.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Your spiritual power may make you happy. Your way of thinking may be positive. You are inclined to spiritualism today. You may plan to visit some religious places. You may also take an interest in occult science. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. It is advised to keep your views to yourself and try to discuss them with those who may understand your feelings.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel nervous and lack patience. In your search for peace, you may be attracted to the occult. It is advised to follow your intuition before moving forward. You may also gain in-depth knowledge on a subject or have a strong focus on your research. Chanting mantras may help you in this situation.

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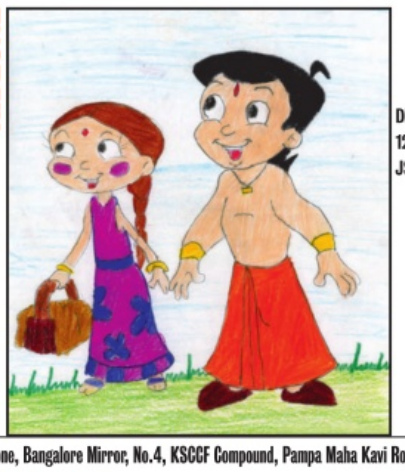

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$= 9^3/6 - 11^2 + 3!/6$
$= 729/6 - 121 + 6/6$
$= 121.5 - 121 + 1$
$= [\,0.5 + 1 = 1.5\,]$

RIDDLER
Name

QUOTE UNCODE
I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places.

FAST FIVE

S	C	A	R	P
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STRIKE OUT

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P	A	N	D	H	I	G	N	I	T	E				
G	A	T	U	A	O									
P	E	L	T	S	A									

MENSA PUZZLE
HA: take the numerical position of each letter in the alphabet to reveal the sequence of consecutive square numbers 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81.

BULL'S EYE
delign, dewing, died, dine, dined, ding, WEDDING, wide, widen, wind, winded, wine, wined, wing, winged

SUDOKU

2	4	7	5	9	3	1	6	8
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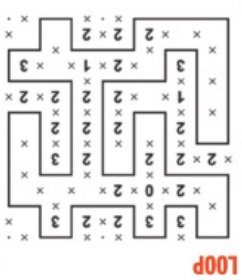
8	6	3	4	2	1	7	5	9
7	1	9	3	4	5	2	8	6
5	8	4	2	6	7	3	9	1
3	2	6	9	1	8	5	4	7
9	7	1	6	5	2	8	3	4
4	3	2	7	8	9	6	1	5
6	5	8	1	3	4	9	7	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
G, Gu, Rug, Rung, Grunt, Turing, Touring.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 – 2 – 8 + 6 = 1
Medium
2 – 3 + 9 – 2 = 6
Hard
6 + 2 + 4 + 8 = 20

LOOP



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Set for a solo trip
Actor, model and dancer Nora Fatehi shared her excitement as she is all set for her next international solo single, 'Sexy in my Dress'

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All praise for DP

Co-actor explains how actress manages to captivate audience

Saswata Chatterjee who will soon be seen in the much anticipated film 'Project K' is all praise for his co-actor from the sci-fi thriller. The versatile actor feels there's a reason why Deepika has managed to captivate audiences with her graceful onscreen presence and nuanced performances for years.

With a career spanning over a decade, Padukone has become a role model for many aspiring actresses, inspiring them with her talent, dedication, and versatility. Her unique blend of elegance and depth has also empowered many young actresses to push boundaries and strive for excellence and that's what has impressed Saswata the most.

Saswata who plays a key role in Deepika's 'Project K' explains while speaking to ETimes, "She has portrayed a diverse range of characters, each with their own complexities and struggles. From playing a strong-willed warrior in Bajirao Mastani to a brave acid attack survivor in Chhapaak, Deepika fearlessly takes on unconventional roles that defy traditional expectations. Her dedication to portraying such diverse and powerful characters has encouraged other actresses to venture beyond their comfort zones and explore uncharted territories."

Emotional depth

Deepika Padukone's performances are known for their emotional depth and vulnerability, which resonate deeply with audiences. She has the remarkable ability to convey a wide range of emotions through her expressive eyes and subtle nuances. Whether it's portraying heartbreak in Tamasha or resilience in Piku, Deepika's authentic performances create a connection with viewers, allowing them to empathize with the characters she portrays. This level of emotional authenticity has inspired others also to explore their own depths and bring more realism to their performances," adds the actor.

—Sankha Ghosh, ETimes

Getting love-dovey

Ever since actress Tamannaah Bhatia has opened up about her relationship with actor Vijay Varma, the couple are not shying away from showing their fondness for each other over social media.

On Monday, a fan shared Vijay and Tamannaah's recent intimate photo shoot on Twitter and wrote, "She is everything. He is just Vijay." Vijay quote-tweeted the post and wrote, "I kinda agree." Replying to this tweet, Tamannaahcalled Vijay ' Prince " using the Prince emoticon.

Her reply sent their fans into a tizzy, with some netizens calling them 'Couple Goals' and 'Cute'.

Tamannaah and Vijay will soon be seen romancing in a Sujoy Ghosh's short story in 'Lust Stories 2'. And it was on the sets of this anthology that the duo fell for each other. Describing Vijay, the actress mentioned that he is someone who she really looks up to.Tamannaah stated that she bonded well with Vijay and deeply cares about him and that he is her happy place. Interestingly, Vijay has also cryptically confirmed their romance when he mentioned in an interaction that there is a lot of love in his life right now and he's extremely happy subtly hinting at Tamannaah.

—ETimes

What a duo

Father-daughter duo Saif Ali Khan and Sara Ali Khan will be seen sharing screen space soon.

If you are wondering if they have signed a film, then you must control your excitement. The two will be seen in an ad together.

Brijendra Kala recently took to Instagram and shared pictures from the sets of a shoot.

One of the images shows Sara and Saif posing with Brijendra Kala.

The father-daughter are seen twinning in a black suit.

"Add Shoot with Saif and Sara.. amazing experience director Shujaat saudagar writer Ashish Sharma associate Paran baba," Brijendra Kala captioned the post.

The pictures have garnered several likes and comments.

Wow...can't wait for this ad," one fan wrote.

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Prajwal all set

Prajwal Devaraj is all set to join the list of actors from Sandalwood who acted in pan-India movies. Prajwal debuted in Sandalwood with Kannada movie Sixer that was released in 2007. He will be acting in multi-lingual movie Jathare that will be his first big-budget movie as a hero.

The title of the movie was launched at Sahakaranagar recently. Goverdhan Reddy from Hyderabad is bankrolling this movie. The movie's title in Telugu is Jathara.

The movie will be made in Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi languages. Udaya Nandanam debuts as a director in Sandalwood with this movie. Prior to this, apart from working as associate for Telugu movies, Udaya Nandanam handled the megaphone for Telugu movie Shankarabharanam, a crime thriller that was released in 2015.

If all goes well, the movie Jathare is expected to go on floors in August. The selection of other cast and crew is in progress. Jathare is about love, family, and sentiments and Prajwal is expected to assay a different kind of role in this movie which will be a launching pad for him to be introduced to movie-goers across the country.

Meanwhile, Sai Sriram has been assigned to work behind the camera.

Suspense thriller

Aditya, who earned name his acting skills in the movie Deadly Soma, is playing a tough cop in a yet to be titled Kannada movie. The shooting of the movie is in progress at Chikkamagaluru and other locations.

"We have already completed a 17-day shooting schedule in Chikmagalur and Bengaluru. We are planning to rope in a well-known actor of Sandalwood for unveiling the title of this movie shortly," said director Kishore Megalamane.

The movie is a first for Kishore Megalamane as a director in Sandalwood. Prior to this, Megalamen wrote dialogues for Kannada movie Operation Nakshatra apart from bankrolling it with four others. "I have been associated with Sandalwood since 2010. I was working under veteran director S K Bhagawan. I have realised my ambition of becoming a director with this movie," said Megalamane. He said the movie is a suspense thriller and Aditya is playing a police inspector who investigates a missing case. "I am very happy with Aditya's performance. Aditya plays a police inspector at a police station in Chikkamagaluru. He takes up the investigation of a missing case."